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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE INTELLIGENCE
ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS

Memorandum by the Secretary

The enclosed draft agreement, received by the Central Intelligence Group from the Intelligence Division, War Department General Staff, is circulated herewith to the Intelligence Advisory Board for information in connection with C.I.G. 18.

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AN AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE THE INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF
THE WAR DEPARTMENT, NAVY DEPARTMENT, AND STATE DEPARTMENT

Prepared by the Intelligence Division,
War Department General Staff

1. In order to coordinate the intelligence activities of the War Department, Navy Department, and State Department and thus save manpower without loss of national intelligence efficiency, it is essential:

a. That there be a minimum of overlap in the intelligence functions of the three departments.

b. That there be a free and unrestricted interdepartmental flow of information and intelligence.

2. The following principles are therefore agreed to:

a. Primary responsibility

Certain subjects are of primary interest to each of the three departments. Such subjects shall be allocated to each agency respectively and shall be considered the subjects of primary responsibility for that agency. Each agency may retain all intelligence functions relating to the USSR and the satellite nations until such time as it may seem advisable to allocate responsibilities as for other areas.

b. Research, evaluation and analysis

Each agency shall be responsible for research, evaluation and analysis of those subjects for which it has primary responsibility.

c. Collection

Field collection shall follow the line of primary responsibility to prevent duplication of effort. Common sense application should be applied to take advantage of individual initiative and favorable contacts. The principle should never be applied in the sense of regimentation. Matters of principle will be coordinated between departments in Washington. Coordination of collection effort within the scope of enunciated principles will be the function of the Chief of Mission. Reports regardless of source will be routed direct to the agency of primary responsibility.

d. Estimates

Each agency is responsible for the production of estimates and other projects for its own department. Agencies will, therefore, provide information and intelligence on their respective subjects of primary responsibility to the other agencies as their needs require.

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g. Direct communication

Each agency may call on another agency for information and intelligence on those subjects for which that agency has primary responsibility.

f. Who's who

Each agency shall collect information and maintain files on personalities within their subjects of primary responsibility. A central master file shall be maintained for common reference.

g. Strategic Intelligence Digest

Each agency shall contribute and keep current chapters of a digest of factual information on each country of the world. Chapter responsibility shall be the same as the subjects of primary responsibility. The form of such digest shall follow generally the Strategic Intelligence Digest form now in preparation by the Intelligence Division, War Department.

h. Supervision

To insure the coordination of the Intelligence agencies and maintain the highest standards of intelligence production, a central agency shall maintain necessary supervision of inter-departmental cooperation and production.